

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claim 9 is amended. This leaves claims 9-19 pending in the application, with claims 9 and 19 being independent.

Claim 19 has already been indicated as being allowable.

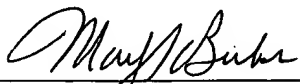
In the July 30, 2009 Board decision, the objection to the January 15, 2009 amendment to claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §132 and the rejection of claims 9-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, based on the written description requirement, was found to be proper and affirmed, respectively. All other objections and rejections were found to be improper and reversed. The enclosed amendment of claim 9 deletes the language alleged to constitute new matter and as failing to comply with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Instead, claim 9 is revised in the pertinent part to recite "...a ferromagnetic coating with ferromagnetic substances admixed therein on the foam-inhibiting covering..." As noted in the Board decision, particularly in the findings of fact contained on pages 5 and 6 of the decision, the originally filed and substitute specification clearly disclose ferromagnetic substances in the coating which coating is on the foam-inhibiting covering. The limitation of the ferromagnetic coating extending throughout the entire length and width of the foam-inhibiting covering is no longer recited in claim 9, thereby obviating the objection under 35 U.S.C. §132 and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 9, as well as the claims dependent thereon, is patentably distinguishable over the cited patents, for the reasons advanced on page 10 of the Board decision, which reasons are not affected by the above amendment to claim 9.

In view of the foregoing, claims 9-19 are allowable. Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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